

DISCUSSION FOR OCT 27 2014 MEETING

ORGANIZING KIT WORKING GROUP

1Oct14 - Joe

We've had a couple of days to digest our skype call meeting on Monday. Given the inherent limitations of a skype call type of meeting, I urged you to write up your takeaways from the meeting. Use them for your own process.

There was a lot of activity during the call. One thing that would help us focus is to study the AVP USA Organizing Kit, the UK Handbook, the template that Elke will email us, identifying general sections of an organizing kit that are most applicable to most of the world's AVP groups.

There may be sections that don't seem appropriate for some cultures, locales, etc. For example, developing a prison program. However, having a prison program may not be realistic and needed in some places, at this time, but may at sometime in the future. So, perhaps, a section for "Developing a Prison Program," under which there is a template of steps, that can be customized, to a particular place and time, can be included in an international organizing kit.

When I started the work in Palestine and Israel, in 2007, developing a prison program was not anywhere to be found in my team's thinking. It was only during our last trip in May of this year that requests were made by the two major

AVP-supporting organizations, to have workshops in prisons in the West Bank. So, I am looking for existing models to help the organizations tailor one to Palestine. At least, I have a platform to start from.

Nothing will be perfect. But, as we say, we don't want the good to fall victim to the perfect. Please feel free to communicate with me at any time. As convener, I want to be as helpful to you as possible. So, keep working on what you have agreed to work on by yourself or with someone else. I would appreciate your emailing a summary of what you have come up with to our group no more than a week before our next meeting on Monday 27 October at 9am New York time. We can then be prepared to comment. Thanks.

20Oct14 - Joe

If there is anyone on this list who does not want to be on the committee, please let me know. I am uncertain about this given the absence of some people. Thanks.

In preparation for our next skype call on **Monday, 27 October, 9am New York time**, I wanted to remind those who have begun working on certain sections of the document we are preparing to be ready to report what you have come up with thus far during the call. Everyone on the call can then get to comment on the content, make recommendations, etc.

I have attached a proposed agenda for our call next Monday. I hope it meets with your approval. It looks like a lot, I know. But, I am sure that we will make an efficient use of the time we have together. I would love to hear from as many members of the committee as possible during the call.

We have no particular time table pressing upon us. However, perhaps, we will want to have a date by which we can wrap up our work. I am suggesting that we all "chip in" by identifying

sections that will be useful for local AVP groups around the world. I also hope that all members of the committee can devote themselves to a particular section to develop and commit themselves to at our next call.Â

One idea to discuss is whether or not we should develop a single, bound, document that will be made available on our International website, or place sections of the organizing guide on the international website under "Resources" and to separately tab the agreed-upon sub-sections under the "Resources" section of the website. Each section of the guide can be downloaded as it may pertain to the particular AVP local group. Of course, we can also make available a "bound" document, containing all the sections of the guide as one full document that all can download, if they wish.Â

24Oct14 - Joe

Attached, you will find a draft-edit start to the USA Organizing Kit that Mary took a crack at. Mary says "You will see blue sections where the wording has to reflect AVPI and not AVPUSA. There are yellow notes to click on where I wrote ideas and there is red suggestion notes."

I am sure that we want our thoughts about it for our skype call. If anybody else is inclined to email all of us a draft of the work you have been doing on the resource guide, for our review before next Monday, please do so. it will be easier to follow along during the reports. Thanks, everybody.

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Attached, you will find a document that describes the approved Organizational Affairs Committee structure. Please familiarize yourselves with it before our skype call on Monday, 27 October at 9am New York time.